



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

In relation to: Transport Canberra and Emissions reduction plan forecasts

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Mr Braddock: Thank you. Page 177 of the annual report talks about TCCS emissions are down 2.6 per cent from the previous year, but 14 per cent above the emissions reduction plan. So can you please elaborate on why we are above that forecast emissions in your plan, and how you are expecting significant emissions reductions will be realised over the coming years?

Mr Smith: I would have to take that on notice for the finer detail. I could surmise, but I do not want to surmise for the committee.

Mr Chris Steel: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate Five-Year Emissions Reduction Plan 2019-20 to 2024-25 was endorsed in November 2020 with a 15.1% reduction in emissions forecast by 2024-25 in contribution to the Zero Emission Government Framework. This forecast considered the large proportion of emissions associated with transport fuels (>90%) and the limited opportunity to transition fleet to zero emission vehicles in the short term.

While TCCS did not achieve the emission reduction target set under the Plan, emissions have seen a downward trend since 2019, despite operational growth and numerous constraints. Increased bus service levels associated with the new network; supply issues with the delivery of electric buses and charging infrastructure; COVID-19; environmental conditions; in-sourcing and expansion of the city have impacted emissions profiles and/or required for an increase in the number of vehicles leased between 2019-20 to 2024-25.

Realising significant emissions reductions over the coming years will progress through:

- the Zero Emissions Transition Plan, refreshed in August 2024, that provides an updated pathway for achieving a fully zero-emissions public transport network before 2040; and

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- the ACT's Zero Emissions Vehicles Strategy 2022–30 through advancing fleet vehicle charging infrastructure; continuing to ensure 100% of all newly leased government passenger vehicles are zero emission where fit for purpose and exploring opportunities to replace government commercial and heavy vehicles with zero emission vehicles as models become available; and
- the Zero Emission Government Framework and Zero Emission Government Facility Guidelines to continue to pursue zero emissions from Government operations by 2040 including buildings both leased and owned.

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Signature:



By the Minister for Transport, Chris Steel MLA

Date:

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